



CURBSIDE CLEANUP

QUESTIONS?

CALL 952-563-8750.

Be sure you're prepared by setting your materials at the curb before 7 a.m. on your pickup day. To prevent people from stealing copper and releasing hazardous chemicals into the air, **please do not set appliances on the curb until the morning of your collection day.** Remember, trucks will go through only once.

WEBSITE KEYWORD: CURBSIDE.

2011 CURBSIDE CLEANUP SCHEDULE

This year's Cleanup will go from west to east.

Saturday, April 9	Normandale to western boundary
Saturday, April 16	France to Normandale
Saturday, April 23	Penn to France
Saturday, April 30	Portland to Penn
Saturday, May 7	East boundary to Portland



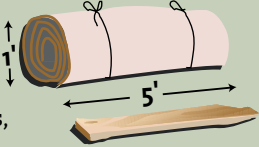
ACCEPTED AT THE CURB

Please be considerate; haulers cannot spend more than a few minutes at each house in order to complete their routes.

- General junk:** Must be boxed, bagged or bundled tightly and under 100 pounds, per item. All items will be disposed of, including containers and bins.
- Appliances:** Water heaters, microwaves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, stoves, air conditioners, freezers, etc. **Limit TWO** per house. **NO electronics.**

- Carpets/pads:** Rolled and securely tied. Roll must be under five feet long and one foot in diameter – no larger.

- Larger scrap metal ONLY:** Only large scrap metal items that do not fit in the trunk of a car (swing sets, grills, etc.) will be accepted. All non-metal items (plastic, rubber)



must be removed from the item. Remove propane tanks from grills. Take smaller items to the Hennepin County Problem Materials Center. *See box below.*

- Unusable furniture:** Disassemble hideaway sofa beds so they do not open during handling.
- Mattresses/box springs.**
- Construction materials, lumber, windows and doors:** Pile limited to what fits in ONE level

standard-size pickup truck. Lumber stacked and no longer than five feet. Bend nails. NO railroad ties. NO contractor materials.

- BUNDLED brush:** Branches smaller than three inches in diameter and five feet in length. Includes buckthorn.

PREVENT ILLEGAL DUMPING AND PROTECT AIR QUALITY

Window air conditioners and dehumidifiers set out at the curb are targets for people who take copper tubing from appliances to sell. It is illegal to cut the copper tubing in appliances because it releases toxic pollutants such as Freon into the air. To help prevent illegal dumping and protect air quality, do not set out appliances that contain Freon until 7 a.m. on the day of your pickup. For more information, call Public Works at 952-563-8750.

OPTIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED AT THE CURB

HENNEPIN COUNTY PROBLEM WASTE AND RECYCLING FACILITY

1400 West 96th Street, 612-348-3777, www.co.hennepin.mn.us/dropoffs

TU, TH, F	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
W	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
SA	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Hazardous waste:** Paints, motor oil, antifreeze, solvents, fluorescent tubes and other household chemicals.

- Tires and batteries.**

- Electronics:** TVs, VCRs, computers, monitors, stereos and cordless phones.

- Recyclable materials:** Plastic and glass bottles, cans, cardboard, all paper. (Drop off or use your recycling service.)

- Gas-powered, refrigeration appliances:** Camper/other fridges, air conditioners. Call ahead.

- Small scrap metal** that fits into a car trunk.

- Nonrefillable propane or butane cylinders** and one-pound canisters.



BURNSVILLE LANDFILL

952-890-3248

- Concrete, bricks.
- Porcelain: Tubs, sinks, toilets.
- Shingles.

MULCH STORE

Burnsville, 952-736-1915

- Leaves, grass clippings, sod.

Earth Action Heroes protect the earth. Whether it's saving energy or guarding Bloomington's precious natural resources, these individuals are making a difference. Here are your neighbors in action ...



The City of Bloomington is home to 30 natural prairie areas. Some are small and easy to miss. Others, like the ones at Tarnhill Park and Bush Lake, are vast expanses of native plants and grasses.

Big bluestem and Indian grass are abundant in Bloomington's prairies, as are a variety of wildflowers such as giant hyssops, wild bergamot, asters, yellow coneflowers and black-eyed susans. Some plants are tiny, while others may grow six feet high.

Restoring prairie areas and landscaping with native plants has gained in popularity in recent years, but it is something the City's Park Maintenance Division has done for two decades.

Park Maintenance Supervisor Dave Hanson oversees the maintenance of Bloomington's prairies.

According to Hanson, City prairies are maintained through a controlled burning process every two to four years. The burning reduces weeds, such as buckthorn, and gives wildflower seedlings more room to regenerate. Weather conditions have to be just right before a burn by experienced professionals can take place. Prairies are also mowed if burning is not possible.



EARTH ACTION HEROES PRAIRIE PROTECTORS

With their wealth of native plants and grasses, prairies are valued for their hardiness, adaptability and natural beauty. Birds and butterflies are drawn to them. Yet prairies hold many other benefits beyond their beauty.

Prairies provide food and habitat for a wide variety of insects and wildlife. They're also easier to maintain than conventional turf areas. Prairies don't require as much labor, weed control, equipment fuel or fertilizer, which translates to less money and energy used. This also means that prairies are naturally better for the environment.

"By maintaining these prairie areas we reduce, or in some cases completely eliminate, the need for fertilizers and weed control chemicals," Assistant Maintenance Superintendent Paul Edwardson said.

Edwardson sees another benefit in maintaining these natural areas.

"Seeing these natural areas appear again takes us back to earlier times when this country was just developing," Edwardson said.

"When we look at these native plants we can know what it was like hundreds of years ago when prairies dominated the Minnesota landscape."

For more information, call Assistant Maintenance Superintendent Paul Edwardson at 952-563-8762.

SPRING CLEANING TIME PARTICIPATE IN CITYWIDE GARAGE SALES

You have three great options for getting rid of unwanted items at home: Set out objects for the Curbside Cleanup, *see article left*; donate quality goods to a local charity; or sell your unwanted treasures at the Citywide Garage Sales.

The Bloomington Optimist Youth Foundation, with support from Human Services, will hold the 2011 Bloomington Citywide Garage Sales, **Thursday, May 19 - Saturday, May 21.**

To advertise your garage sale on the official 2011 list, you will need to pay \$22, or \$27 for a listing and a yard sign.

Citywide Garage Sales lists are available for \$3 each through the Bloomington Optimist Youth Foundation. Lists will also be available on the City's website shortly before May 19. For more information, call the Bloomington Optimist Youth Foundation at 952-831-3798.

